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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S JANUARY 25 LETTER

REF: ISLAMABAD 0965

1. THE FOLLOWING IS SENT IN REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER
BHUTTO'S LETTER OF JANUARY 25.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I HAVE RECEIVED AND READ WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR THOUGHT-
FUL LETTER OF JANUARY 25. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
REMARKS CONCERNING THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES ON THE
SUEZ FRONT. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ACHIEVING THIS
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN THE WILLINGNESS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO
TAKE THE FIRST STEPS ON THE DIFFICULT BUT IMPERATIVE
JOURNEY TOWARD ACCOMMODATION. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD
TO HAVE PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ACHIEVING THIS
PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. IN THE MONTHS
AHEAD WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE
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PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED AS THEY NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL
STEPS TOWARD A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. I AM DEEPLY APPRE-
CIATIVE OF THE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT THAT YOU AND
YOUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE GIVEN TO THESE EFFORTS.

TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF OIL, I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE INCREASES IN OIL PRICES POSE FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, INCLUDING PAKISTAN. WE SHARE THE HOPES YOU HAVE SO WELL EXPRESSED THAT "CONFLICTING VIEWPOINTS WILL BE RESOLVED BY DISCUSSION AND COMPROMISE THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES." AS WE HAVE STRESSED, A SOUND APPROACH REQUIRES COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY ALL COUNTRIES, LARGE AND SMALL, PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE.

THIS IS THE SPIRIT WHICH GOVERNS OUR APPROACH. AS YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE CHIEF OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES RECENTLY MET IN WASHINGTON TO BEGIN WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL, IN THE EARLY FUTURE, BE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH ALL CONCERNED COUNTRIES. I HOPE YOU WILL ASSURE YOUR COLLEAGUES OF OUR DESIRE FOR COOPERATION, AND OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT CONFRONTATION WOULD SERVE NEITHER THE INTERESTS OF THE OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS NOR THOSE OF THE OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS.

I AM ENCOURAGED BY YOUR THOUGHT THAT THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT MEETING OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN LAHORE MAY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A DISCUSSION OF HOW BEST TO REACH A SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION OF THESE INTERESTS. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE MEETING THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A BROADER CONSENSUS ON THIS AND OTHER DIFFICULT ISSUES. I SHALL BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING.

WITH BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON END QUOTE KISSINGER

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